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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection  
For Week Ending 01-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 05/01/99	Previous Week 04/24/99
Bro-Fry	154,866	149,844
Lt Hens	1,993	2,269
Hvy Hens	1,588	1,538

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada  
Weeks Ending 24-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	574	0	574
Last Week	441	0	441
Same Wk Yr Ago	710	19	729
To Date 1999	7,902	114	8,016
To Date 1998	8,935	144	9,079

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Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,906	1,431	4,337
Last Week	2,951	1,343	4,294
Same Wk Yr Ago	3,247	1,215	4,462
To Date 1999	42,847	21,504	64,351
To Date 1998	42,109	19,947	62,056

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection  
Week Ending 24-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	152,325 (A)	2,332	1,431	3,763
Avg Wt	5.13	3.49	7.99	5.20
Last Week	151,880	2,510	1,343	3,853
Same Week Yr Ago	147,871	2,537	1,196	3,733
Avg Wt	4.91	3.42	7.75	4.81
To-Date/1999	2,397,623	34,945	21,390	56,335
To-Date/1998	2,316,870	33,174	19,803	52,977

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.2 million head or 0.6 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 17, 1999

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	28,561	29,956	42,527
Avg Weight	3.77	4.94	6.06
% Of Total /1	28%	30%	42%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,451	19,823	45,120
Avg Weight	3.80	4.83	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	20%	46%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	34,823	32,242	41,384
Avg Weight	3.90	4.81	5.96
% Of Total /1	32%	30%	38%
To Date/1999	493,078	423,144	639,333
To Date/1998	500,878	490,695	456,443
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

## Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 17-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	4,536	40	4,576
Avg Wt	0.00	24.14	26.93	24.17
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,521	43	4,564
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,694	18	4,712
Avg Wt	0.00	25.06 (B)	28.50	25.07
To-Date/1999	0	67,553 (B)	469	68,022
To-Date/1998	8	76,517 (B)	570	77,095

(B) Includes 267,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 301,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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